

REMARKS:

The Office Action dated August 25, 2006 has been received and carefully reviewed. The preceding amendments and the following remarks form a full and complete response thereto. Claim 7 is amended. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 5-8 are pending in this application and submitted for reconsideration.

Claims 5-6 and 8 are allowed.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,748,770 to Okamoto. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and submits that claim 7 recites subject matter not disclosed by Okamoto.

Claim 7 recites a product that is made by a unique process. The claimed product is a garment with asymmetrically joined sleeves including: a body comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric; and both the sleeves, each comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric, wherein the body and both the sleeves are joined on sides by knitting operation without sewing, and a front body and a back body of the body are joined at shoulders, on a flat knitting machine having at least a pair of front and back needle beds. Front portions of both the sleeves are joined to the front body at underarm positions using gores and back portions of both the sleeves and the back body are joined at underarm positions without gores or with other gores smaller than the gores between the front portions of both the sleeves and the front body. The front portions of both the sleeves are narrower above the underarm positions in width than the back portions of both the sleeves. The front body is narrower above the underarm positions in width than the

back body. The front body and the back body are joined to both the sleeves by overlapping knit stitches without any twist on sides. Okamoto fails to disclose a garment having the features claimed in claim 7.

Okamoto does not disclose a garment where the widths of the front sleeves and front body are narrower than those of the back sleeves and the back body, as claimed in claim 7. In contrast, in the first embodiment shown in Fig. 3 of Okamoto, the widths of the front and back left sleeves are the same, for example, at the course 17.

Similarly, in the second embodiment shown in Figs. 3-4 of Okamoto, and also as shown in Figs. 5-6, the knitting widths of the front and back left sleeves are the same, for example, in course 33 in Fig. 4 and in course 25 in Fig. 6. Thus, Okamoto fails to disclose each and every feature of claim 7. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn and claim 7 be allowed.

In view of the above, all objections and rejections have been sufficiently addressed. Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and requests that this application passed to issue.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

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